

Friday, June 11, 2010

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Manager Jereme Phillips found oil on the refuge beach today in larger quantities than previously seen. Phillips immediately contacted the Incident Command Center in Mobile, AL. Cleanup crews began working on it.

The Bon Secour Friends group and local students planted sea oats to stabilize constructed dunes, installed to keep oil out of fragile wetlands.

The new total of National Wildlife Refuges at risk for oil impact now stands at 36. The addition is Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge near West Palm Beach, FL, on the Atlantic Coast.

To date, 1,183 birds have been collected in the Gulf region since April 30, including 728 in Louisiana. Of the total number, 631 were visibly oiled.

Ten rescue and recovery teams, including personnel from the Service and other federal agencies and the states, searched for oiled wildlife. Twenty birds were captured near Grand Isle, LA and one bird in the Trinity Island, LA area. Four pelican chicks on Bird Island II, LA were found oiled and transported for rehabilitation.

Service-led bird surveys included overflights from Sarasota, FL to Key West FL, and from Marathon, FL to Tampa, FL.

As of today, 428 Service personnel are actively engaged in the oil spill response.

NOTE: The Service is responding to this incident along with its federal partners, the states and BP, the responsible party. The incident is being managed under the National Incident Command System with the Deepwater Horizon Response Unified Area Command (UAC) located in Robert, LA providing overall spill response coordination. The Service's field response is being integrated with and directed from Incident Command Centers in Houma, LA; Mobile, AL; Miami, FL; and Houston, TX.

#### Spill by Numbers

Active response vessels: 5,511

Boom deployed (containment and sorbent): more than 900 miles

Oily water recovered: nearly 18.5 million gallons

Amount estimated burned: nearly 3.85 million gallons

Total dispersant used: more than 1.2 million gallons

Overall personnel responding: more than 24,000